



Head Teacher's Update 23rd April 2021

It's been lovely to welcome back all our learners this week! The sun has been shining and the young people have been reconnecting with friends, classmates and staff. Please find an update on several areas of school life.

Monday 26th April – Friday 30th April is Week B.

Ramadan

Every year the school supports students who are observing Ramadan. As this is an important time for Muslim students and their families we wanted to extend our best wishes to you all and to let you know we are thinking of you. Families can contact the school or their child's PSL if they would like to discuss or share anything regarding their child fasting.

To support our Muslim pupils through the month of Ramadan we have put the following into place:

- A quiet space to rest and pray is available in the Art base. Students should be aware that if they are from different year groups, then they should be 2m apart.
- Washing facilities can be found nearby.
- Fasting pupils will participate in PE, but they may not be able to complete all tasks. PE staff will be aware of this and if a pupil feels they need to rest, they should let their PE teacher know.

SQA Assessments

- If a pupil is taking an assessment and they feel dehydrated, have a headache or feel drowsy, they should let the teacher know as soon as possible. If there are any other issues with assessments, please get in touch with the school.

Other info:

The Muslim Council of Britain has published guidelines to support families and the link can be found below. The MCB's guidance advises ways in which Muslims across the UK can still make the most of Ramadan. <https://mcb.org.uk/resources/coronavirus/>

Please also see some info from the CEC Equalities Team: [Edinburgh Schools Ramadan Guidance 2021](#)

COVID Vaccinations

NHS Lothian have produced videos in different languages to provide info about COVID vaccinations. You can access this information here:

Urdu - <https://vimeo.com/534515281>

Bengali - <https://vimeo.com/533458662>

Swahili - <https://vimeo.com/531693262>

Romanian - <https://vimeo.com/530768290>

Cantonese - <https://vimeo.com/530767549>

Mandarin - <https://vimeo.com/530767346>

Arabic - <https://vimeo.com/530755530>

Polish - <https://vimeo.com/530744121>

English - <https://vimeo.com/530751443>

English v2 - <https://vimeo.com/530747880>

BSL - <https://vimeo.com/530744945>

British Islamic Medical Association

<https://britishima.org/operation-vaccination/hub/statements/#VAX>

SQA Update for Parents/Carers of Senior Learners

Please [click](#) here for the update from the Scottish Qualifications Authority. We wish all our seniors good luck as they engage in class assessments over the coming weeks.

Home Testing Kits

Please sign the consent form and support your child in accessing the home testing kits for COVID-19. These are used if you do **not** have symptoms and will substantially support the suppression of the virus. The more of our community

that engage in this, the safer our community is. Please contact the school if you wish to discuss further or require support.

Football

We are hoping to set up a tournament so that learners can engage in a House Football Competition during lunch times. Please note that only participants who sign up will be able to play football at lunch time in the school grounds. More details will be given in tutor time.

Ventilation

We are looking to increase the ventilation as much as possible – research has shown how effective this is suppressing transmission of COVID-19. As this will lower the temperature in the classroom, learners are allowed to wear outdoor jackets/clothing to stay warm. Please note that there should be no need for hats or hoods up and so we will ask learners to remove these.

S3 Assessments

Please note that S3 learners will have standardised assessments on Tuesday 27th April. These are focussed on literacy and numeracy. We ask that learners please bring their iPads to school fully charged and try their best. Good luck!

Senior Assessment Timetable: 26 April – 2 May 2021

Please find a summary of the proposed senior assessments for next week. Your child should be aware of these and if there are any questions, your child should contact their class teacher in the first instance. The information below has the year group, the timetable column, subject and subject level. Please note that we as a staff have worked hard to ensure that no learner faces more than two assessments in any one day.

26 April	27 April
<input type="checkbox"/> 00:00 Week B →	<input type="checkbox"/> ← Week B →
<input type="checkbox"/> 4F Computing Studies N5 Practical Assessment	<input type="checkbox"/> 4A Maths N5 Assessment
<input type="checkbox"/> 4G Computing Studies N5 Practical Assessment	<input type="checkbox"/> 4C Social Subjects N5
<input type="checkbox"/> 5/6C Drama Performance Assessment	<input type="checkbox"/> 5/6A N5 & H Assessment Maths
<input type="checkbox"/> 5/6D Computing Studies N5 Practical Assessment	<input type="checkbox"/> 5/6D Computing Studies H/N5 Practical Assessment

28 April

- ← Week B →
- 4E N5 Spanish Speaking Exam
- 4E/ 5C/ 6C N5 Drama Performance Assessment
- 5/6C H French Speaking Assessment
- 5/6C Higher Spanish Talking Exam
- 5/6C N5, H, & AH Maths

29 April

- ← Week B →
- 4A N5 Assessment Maths
- 4F Computing Studies N5 Practical Assessment
- 4F French Speaking Assessment
- 5/6A N5, H, & AH Maths
- 5/6D AH English Literary Study Assessment
- 5/6D Computing Studies H/N5 Practical Assessment
- 5/6E French Reading Assessment
- 5/6E Practical Cookery Time Plan Assessment

30 April

- ← 00:00 Week B
- 4B N5 English Scottish Text Assessment.
- 4G Computing Studies N5 Practical Assessment
- 4G History N5
- 4G Practical Cookery Time Plan Assessment
- 5/6B English Assessment- Reading for Understanding Analysis Assessment
- 5/6C N5, H, & AH Maths
- After School- Senior Flexible ESOL

A moment of reflection

“We have a Lord who is capable of crying with us, capable of walking with us in the most difficult moments of life.”

Pope Francis, 2015 Philippines.

As the lockdown measures ease, we as a community are still realising the full impact of the pandemic. If we can help in anyway, please contact us.

Have a wonderful weekend and we look forward to seeing our learners next week!